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The Sheltered Workshop of Nicholas County Approved For Grant to Expand Current Facility

Morgantown, WV – May 18, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$43,000 for The Sheltered Workshop of Nicholas County, Inc., Nicholas County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to expand The Nicholas County Sheltered Workshop's current facility in Craigsville.

"This new addition will be ADA accessible, improve classroom space and provide additional work space to enable the Workshop to employ more clients," stated Steptoe.

Grant funds in the amount of \$93,000 were provided by Rural Development in 2005. This additional grant of \$43,000 is needed to help cover the cost overruns to complete this project.

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